1	2	3	4	5
11	Orissa	66	153	129
12.	Tripura	-	-	-
13	Assam	109	-	-
14.	West Bengal	45	30	-

[Translation]

Counter Megnet Cities

6165. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated for the development of selected Counter Magnet Cities under the National Capital Region and the manner in which this amount is likely to be spent during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount spent/being spent under this scheme, city-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for development of selected Counter Magnet Cities under the Ninth Five Year Plan. The concerned State Governments prepare the integrated plan under which detailed project plans are prepared and implemented. Some of the projects are funded through the Development Fund which is generally financed by the NCR Planning Board and the State Governments. Other projects are financed by the State Governments exclusively through their own resources.

(b) The amount spent/being spent under the scheme city-wise is as under :-

Bareilly (UP)	-	Rs. 7 crores
Kota (Rajasthan)	-	Rs. 2 crores
Gwalior (MP)	-	Rs. 1 crore
Patiala (Punjab)	-	Rs. 1 crore
Hissar (Haryana)	-	Nil

[English]

N.T.P.C.

6166 SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to increase power generation during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of new power plants proposed to be set up by NTPC during the period, State-wise;

(c) the fund earmarked or allocation made to NTPC for setting up of new Thermal Power Plants during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the details of the existing plants proposed to be expanded by NTPC during the above Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. The statewise details of new projects proposed to be set up/expanded by National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) during the 9th Plan period (1997-98—2001-02) are as under :-

On Going Name of the Project	State	Capacity (MW)
1. Vindhyachal Stage II	Madhya Pradesh	1000
2. Unchahar St. II	Uttar Pradesh	420
3. Kayamkulam CCGT	Kerala	350
New Projects		
4. Faridabad CCGT	Haryana	400
5. Kawas St. II CCGT	Gujarat	650
6. Anta Stage II	Rajasthan	650
7. Auraiya St. II	Uttar Pradesh	650
8. Hyderabad Metro CCGT	Andhra Pradesh	650
9. Simhadri TPS	Andhra Pradesh	1000
10. Talcher II St. II*	Orissa	500
	Total	6270

(*only one unit out of 4 units of 500 MW each is envisaged to yield benefit during 9th Plan)

The Ninth Five Year Plan has not been finalised. The Planning Commission will take into consideration the above project proposals while finalising the 9th Plan.

(c) NTPC has projected an outlay of Rs. 19841.91 crores for the 9th Plan to sustain a capacity addition of 6270 MW as well as to start advance action on the projects envisaged for benefit during the 10th Plan period.

Emigration Clearance

6167. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether emigration clearance required for workers going abroad for employment has been causing great

hardships to the semi-literate workers especially in Goa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to abolish the condition of emigration clearance to obviate the difficulties being faced by such workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Mega Power Projects

6168. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Committee has been set up by the Government for the selection of sites for new mega power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith sites identified for the purpose, State-wise; and

(e) the time by which the work for commissioning of projects is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A 'Site Selection Committee' under the Chairmanship of Member (Thermal), Central Electricity Authority has been set up to identify suitable sites for setting up of mega power projects in the private sector.

(c) and (d) The Committee was required to submit the report by February, 1997. However, the time for submission of report was extended and it is now expected to be submitted by end June, 1997.

(e) Commencement of work at any project will depend on its formulation and development subsequent to the prioritisation of the project after consideration of the recommendations of the Site Selection Committee.

Gas based Power Stations

6169. SHRI ANCHAL DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the daily requirement of gas for the gas based power stations in the country and in Orissa;

(b) the linkage sanctioned by the Government against the requirement; and

(c) the details of any proposal for increasing the gas linkage in near future in respect of Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Around 25 MMSCMD has been allocated to gas based power station against which the supply is around 18 MMSCMD. No allocation has been made to any power station in Orissa. There is no proposal for allocating gas to projects in Orissa as the gas projected to be available is fully allocated.

Transportation of Goods through Bangladesh

6170. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the question of India being allowed to use a corridor through Bangladesh to transport its goods was discussed in the meeting of the Joint Economic Commission of the two countries held recently in Delhi during March, 1997;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary agreement in principle has been reached in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there was consensus on expansion of border trade as a part of greater cooperation in trade and commerce in the aforesaid meeting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) to (e) The 5th meeting of the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Economic Commission was held in New Delhi from March 10-12, 1997. On cooperation in transportation sector, the Commission recalled Article 8 of the Trade Agreement concluded between Bangladesh and India in 1980, which provides for "mutually beneficial arrangements for the use of their waterways, roadways and railways for commerce between the two countries and for passage of goods between two places in one country; through the territory of the other". The commission also recalled Article 12 of the SAPTA Agreement which provides for "developing and improving communication system, transport infrastructure and transit facilities for accelerating the growth of trade within the region", concluded in 1993. The two sides reaffirmed their earlier commitment to the above agreements and agreed to take appropriate measures towards the further fulfillment of these agreement.

On border trade, the two sides discussed the question of trade in local produce between areas in India and Bangladesh at selected points contiguous to the border between the two countries. It was agreed to set up a Group of experts to make recommendations on the modalities of border trade.

Minimum Wages

6171. SHRI VEERABHADRAM THAMMINENI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to non payment of minimum wages by private organisations to its employees.

(b) whether it has also been brought to the Government notice that implementation of Vth Central Pay